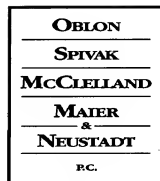




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Applicants: Akira HIKIMURA, et al.

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For: DISK RECORDING AND REPRODUCING DEVICE

Group Art Unit: 2627

Examiner: LATANYA BIBBINS

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181

Our check in the amount of 0 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to invoke his supervisory authority to cause the Examiner to forward to our office an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 filed with an Information Disclosure Statement on December 21, 2006, thereby indicating that the cited references have been considered.

The Information Disclosure Statement of December 21, 2006 was filed in conformance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98. Copies of the Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and the date-stamped filing receipt are attached.

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached Japanese Office Action with English Translation and form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
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